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This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 14, 2006 to October 14, 2006. Since October 14, 2006 falls on a Saturday, it is believed that the due date carries over to the next business day, Monday, October 16, 2006.